

NOTICE OF ELECTION TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY

Saturday, May 29, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 402 Evergreen Road, South Bethany, Delaware

**There will be an Election at Town Hall with Covid-19 safety guidelines.
Absentee Voting on the basis of Covid-19 is also permitted. See below.**

There are three (3) seats open for council members for a two (2) year term.

Resident/Nonresident Members

Town Councilmembers (3 vacancies). The Town Charter provides that at least four of the seven members of the Town Council (which includes the Mayor) must be residents of the town, but all may be residents of the Town. Based upon the current composition of the Town Council, and the Mayor's residency requirement, **one (1) of the three (3) Councilmember seats up for election must be a Resident and two (2) may be filled by either a Resident or a Nonresident freeholder.**

- **The following candidates are Residents: Carolyn Bell, Richard Oliver, and William Tim Shaw**
- **The following candidate are Non-Residents: Edith Dondero and Maureen Webster**

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

Pursuant to §C-6A (1) of the Town Charter

(1) Any natural person shall be qualified to vote in any annual municipal election, special election, or referendum who, on voting day, shall:

- (a) Have attained eighteen (18) years of age
- (b) Be a citizen of the United States
- (c) Be registered under the town's voter registration ordinance (if one is in effect); and
- (d) Have been one of the following:

[1] A freeholder in the town, as defined herein, for a period of ninety (90) consecutive days immediately preceding the date of the election. A "freeholder" shall be deemed to include any natural person who holds title of record either in his/her own name or as trustee to a fee simple estate or a life estate in and to real property located within the corporate limits of the town.

[2] The spouse of a freeholder whether their name is on the deed or not.

[3] A resident of the town. A "resident" shall mean any natural person who has been physically residing within the corporate limits of the town for at least thirty (30) days prior to the election *, and who is physically residing within the town on the date of the election.

[4] Provided, however, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, not more than eight (8) persons per property shall be entitled to vote either as a "freeholder" or as the spouse of a "freeholder" under subsection A(1)(d)[1] and [2] immediately preceding.

***NOTE:** Charter text is modified pursuant to 15 Del. C. §7554(a). For purposes of voter eligibility, the residency requirement shall be 30 days immediately preceding the date of election.

ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING

You must complete an **Affidavit** to receive an Absentee Voting Ballot. Three ways to receive an Affidavit:

- 1) **Stop in** Town Hall, 402 Evergreen Rd, South Bethany, DE.
- 2) **Call** (302) 539-3653 to request an Affidavit be mailed to you.
- 3) **Download** an Affidavit from our website; southbethany.delaware.gov "Info Tab", "Election Info". After submitting a completed Affidavit to Town Hall, you will receive an Absentee Ballot.

A **completed Affidavit** may be submitted to the Town IN PERSON no later than 12:00 noon the *day before* (May 28, 2021) the day of the election.

Requests for Absentee Ballot to be mailed to an elector: A completed *Affidavit* which requests that an Absentee Ballot be MAILED to the elector must be received at Town Hall no later than four days prior (May 25, 2021) to the day of the election.

All Absentee Ballots must be completed and returned to Town Hall by the closing of the polls at 3:00 p.m. on Election day.

It is the responsibility of the elector to ensure that the completed ballot is received at Town Hall (by mail or hand-delivered) NO LATER THAN the closing of the polls at 3:00 p.m. on Election day. Ballots received after this deadline will not be counted.